

Fairbanks Native Association Annual Potlatch Mar. 22, 1975

The Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch has been set for Saturday, March 22, 1975.

The potlatch is a colorful traditional gathering of Natives from all areas of the state.

"This year's activities show to be some of the most fun and

exciting for everyone wishing to attend," says Claude Demientieff, potlatch chairman.

There are four major activities planned for in this evening of fun: The potlatch, itself; the crowning of the FNA Queen for 1975; the Native dance competition and a raffle.

"Just like in past years, we have called upon people across the state to contribute Alaskan Native foods," Demientieff says. "Potlatches can't happen without people . . . we're going to need everyone's help and active

participation."

Donations can be sent C.O.D. to FNA, c/o Steve Matthews or Effie Kokrine, at 102 Lacey Street, Fairbanks, he adds.

The crowning of the FNA Queen is one of the highlights of the potlatch. The Queen will receive a scholarship prize and will represent the FNA statewide. She will also vie for the World Eskimo Indian Olympics, held in Fairbanks in August.

Requirements for the contestants are: Must be a single Native girl, between the ages of 16

and 25. Interested applicants should contact Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, c/o FNA, 102 Lacey Street, Fairbanks.

The Native dance competition is one of the most entertaining and enjoyable events of the potlatch. Village groups from all over compete and wear some of the most beautiful attire seen in the world. The end of the dance competition is the grand finale, where all the groups are on the floor. Amateur and professional photographers should have a field day, Demientieff exclaims.

This year's raffle will reward a first prize trip for two to Hawaii, 2nd prize will be a trip for two to Nome for the Iditarod races and 3rd prize will be one hundred dollars cash.

The potlatch will begin at six pm at the Lathrop High School Gymnasium.

The potlatch is scheduled to coincide with the Men's North American Sled Dog Championship Races, the Doyon stockholders' meeting and the Tanana Chiefs Conference's Annual Convention.

Prevention of Discrimination Against Indians

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare recently issued a policy statement to prevent discrimination against Indians and the Alaska Natives in health and medical services.

According to Carl Jack, Director, Health Affairs Division, AFN, Inc., the Secretary of DHEW, Caspar W. Weinberger, issued a four-point procedure to ensure that Indians and Alaska Natives will not be deprived of their right to equal access to State, local and federal health-related services. The four points of the policy statement are:

1) Indians and Alaska Natives will have the same access as other citizens to receipt of medical services under a State plan approved under any of the public assistance Titles of the Social Security Act, including Medicaid.

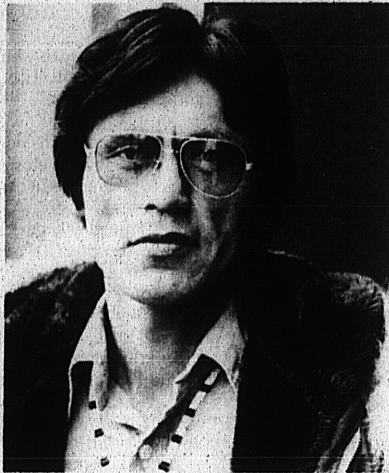
2) The eligibility of an Indian or other Native American, under the State's medical assistance plan or other public assistance plan, will not be affected by the use of services provided by Indian Health Service. It concentrate on those foods available in this area, such as salmon or moose, and students will be encouraged to make suggestions on menus.

3) Under the approved assistance plan of the State, the State agency is responsible for meeting the cost to Native Americans to the same extent as provided other eligible individuals.

4) No receipt of federal financial assistance may refuse to certify as eligible or fail to provide health services to Indians or other Native Americans, such as Alaska Natives, on grounds that Indian Health Services are available.

"The agreements signed on December 17, 1974, between the Office for Civil Rights, Indian Health Service, and Social and Rehabilitation Services, should now be adhered to by changing the eligibility criteria under the General Relief Medical Program administered by the State of Alaska," said Mr. Jack.

"Otherwise, the State would be, as in the past, in direct violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits use of federal funds for programs which discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin."



GENE GEORGE
of Stevens Village

OPEN LETTER TO ALL DOYON, LTD. SHAREHOLDERS FROM GENE GEORGE CANDIDATE FOR THE DOYON, LTD. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Shareholders:

Doyon, Ltd. is the world's largest land-holding private business. Soon it will be Alaska's wealthiest corporation with assets in excess of \$1 billion!

As Doyon shareholders, each of you own 100 shares of stock in Doyon, Ltd. Your ownership of these shares of stock gives you many rights. One of these rights is to help form the policies by which Doyon, Ltd. is operated. In large business corporations, policies are made by the members of the Board of Directors representing the shareholders.

All members of Doyon's Board of Directors are shareholders of Doyon, Ltd. — just like you and me. They are elected by the other shareholders at the annual shareholders meeting in March. Shareholders elected to the Board of Directors must act on behalf of all the shareholders and make policies that reflect the wishes of the shareholders.

The administration of Doyon, Ltd. must never control the Board of Directors of Doyon, Ltd. The ultimate control and power of Doyon, Ltd. is rightly that of the Board of Directors. Any time Doyon, Ltd.'s Board of Directors are influenced excessively by the Doyon administration, then the Board of Directors are not listening to you, the Native shareholders of Doyon, Ltd.

I strongly feel that the present administration of Doyon, Ltd. is, in fact, making policies of which the Board of Directors are not fully aware. This situation must not be tolerated. There must be an end to this type of management if the Doyon, Ltd. shareholders are going to benefit at all from their ownership of stock in Doyon, Ltd.

I am a candidate for the Doyon, Ltd. Board of Directors. Some Board members will be elected at the second annual shareholders meeting on March 21, 1975 in Fairbanks. If elected, I will insist that the following changes in present Doyon policy and organization be made:

1) Business development and resource consulting contracts will be made with local Alaskan firms and institutions if at all possible.

2) Stanford Research Institute (SRI) a California consulting firm will be replaced as Doyon's chief economic development advisor with a full-time vice president for business development and research. This vice president will head a staff of professionals responsible for managing Doyon's natural resource, real estate, energy, production, and global investment opportunities.

3) Present guidelines for payment to village corporations of their operating budgets under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act as "administered" by the Doyon Board must be immediately redrafted. Access to these funds must be simplified so each village corporation can become totally self-sufficient as soon as possible. These funds are not for Doyon to "hold in trust" as is now done, but merely held as custodial accounts until the village corporations need funding;

4) All business contracts between Doyon and the thirty-four village corporations in the Interior must be thoroughly discussed and clearly understood by the Board of Directors and administration of the village corporations before such contracts are written up and signed;

5) A policy concerning Doyon shareholders' individual Native allotment applications to the Bureau of Land Management under the Federal Act of 1906 must be established. Many shareholders filled legitimate individual Native allotment applications prior to the statewide "land freeze" in 1971. Many of these applications may be refused by the BLM. In cases where a legitimate Native allotment is refused by the BLM and is located on Doyon lands, the allotment should be automatically conveyed to the applicant by Doyon. At present, Doyon has no plans concerning such property;

6) All firms and agencies proposing to develop a specific portion of Doyon's vast natural resources in the Interior must accompany their proposals with a complete impact statement detailing the effect of such development on the economic and social well-being of all people — Native and non-Native — living and working in communities and cities in the Interior region.

In summary, I am a candidate for the Doyon, Ltd. Board of Directors not by choice, but because I am dissatisfied with the present administration of Doyon, Ltd. I will seek nomination at Doyon, Ltd.'s second annual shareholders meeting in Fairbanks on Friday, March 21, 1975. I hope that you will attend in person and vote for me.

If you cannot attend, you have the right to submit a "proxy ballot". The proxy ballot allows you to vote for the Board members of your choice without going to the annual shareholders meeting in person. Please consider writing my name on your proxy ballot for election to the Doyon, Ltd. Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
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